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In re application of:

Shimkets et al.

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CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY

THROUGH PROBE

HYBRIDIZATION AND GENE EXPRESSION ANALYSIS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATIONS Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the accompanying application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please withdraw claims 1-35 and 40-49.

CONCLUSION

The above amendment is being made to set forth claims 36-39 upon which this divisional application is based.

A copy of the original Declaration and Power of Attorney is submitted herewith pursuant to M.P.E.P. 201.06(c).